

In the Specification

On page 6, the paragraph beginning on line 21, in the section "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment of the Invention" please replace the entire paragraph with the following:

Figure 2 is a schematic illustration of the manner in which the present invention may be implemented using multiple personalized remotes 20, 22, and 24. Each of the remote control devices generates an output signal 26, 28, and 30, respectively, that constitute both an identification sequence code and a command sequence. The identification sequence code is an ID code that is generated by each of the personalized remotes 20, 22, and 24 and is appended to the various commands that are generated by the user by pressing the buttons on the remote control device. The set-top box 34 is programmed to read the ID codes that may also be connected to a cable TV signal 32 and/or the Internet 35 for each personalized remote to facilitate the recognition of the current user and to access an information database 38 33 that consists of profiles and preferences for each user of the system. The STB then can enhance and/or restrict the displayed content based on the user profiles and preferences that correspond to the personalized remote 20, 22 or 24. Each of the personalized remotes 20, 22, and 24 are initially programmed with user preference data and a password to either enhance and/or restrict video programming, or other content information including data, based upon the standard manner in which set-top boxes are currently programmed. Hence, a child may have their own remote control which only displays children's programming (content information) and only provides information relating to children's programming (content information) on the program guide. The manner in which the personalized remote illustrated in Figure 2 interacts with the set-top box 34 to provide the selective programming is more fully described with reference to Figure 7 below.

On page 7, the paragraph beginning on line 30, in the section "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment of the Invention" please replace the entire paragraph with the following:

Figure 4 is a schematic flow diagram illustrating the functions that are performed by the schematic block diagram illustrated in Figure 3. As shown in Figure 4, the process is started at step 80. At step 82, a determination is made as to whether any button has been pressed on the remote control device 37 (Figure 3). If no button has been pressed, the process returns to step 82. If a button has been pressed, it is then determined at step 84 if the log-off button has been pressed. If it has, any IDs that are stored in the memory are cleared at step 86. If the log-off button has not been pressed, the process proceeds to step 88. At step 88, it is determined whether the log-on button has been pressed. If the log-on button has been pressed, the controller receives the user ID from the keypad at step 90. It is

then determined whether the user ID that has been entered in the keypad is a valid ID at step 92. If it is a valid ID, the user ID is sent to memory and stored in the memory 96, and the process returns to step 82. If the ID entered in the keypad is not a valid ID, a default ID is sent to the memory at step 94. The process then returns to step 82.

On page 9, the paragraph beginning on line 11, in the section "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment of the Invention" please replace the entire paragraph with the following:

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Figure 6 is a flow diagram of the operations that are performed by the block diagram illustrated in Figure 5. At step 140, the process is started. The ID from the ID input is read at step 142. Again, the ID can comprise, for example, a fingerprint input. At step 144, the ID input is transmitted to the controller 50. The controller 50 then compares the ID input with stored inputs and determines if the ID input is a valid input at step 146. If the ID input is not a valid ID, i.e., it is not an ID that is stored by the controller; the controller sends a default ID to memory 148.